THE ACTIVISION

DECATHLON

THE GOAL

The goal here is to win.
Very simple.
Score as many points as you can in all ten events of the decathlon.

GOOD LUCK!

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PREPARATION

- With power **OFF**, insert cartridge into computer. Turn power **ON**.
- Solo decathlete uses left Joystick. Two Joysticks required for more than one player.
- Press lower red button. Choose number of players by pulling back on Joystick and pressing red button. In multi-player mode, the first and third decathletes compete against the computer. Single players always compete against the computer.
- Enter initials by pulling back on Joystick, then pressing red button.
- Choose single practice events or full decathlon by pulling back on Joystick.
- Press **START** button to begin. After completing a single event, press **START** to replay that event, or press **RESET** to return to menu screen.

Joystick

Continually move Joystick to the left and right to run or approach the scratch line.
(See "Events").

Scoring

Earn points for each event. Screen displays event score following each attempt, and total score. Score 1,000 points in any event, and a musical tribute will be your reward. Only the highest event score is added to total.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Strength Bar

Registers your relative running or approach speed throughout each event. The faster you move, the closer the bar moves to the right-hand limit.

Real-time Clock

Counts the minutes, seconds and fractions of seconds during all races.

Scratch Line

Don't cross the scratch line before pressing the red button for appropriate events (see next section).

Distance Measure

Distance is measured on-screen in meters for appropriate events.

Current Contestant

The number 1, 2, 3 or 4 appears directly next to the strength bars to remind contestants which decathlete is competing.

EVENTS

100-Meter Dash

One opportunity. The quicker your time, the higher your points.

Long Jump

Three attempts allowed. Begin with a 30 meter running start, then press the red button just before the scratch line.

Shot Put

Three attempts allowed. Move as quickly as you can to the scratch line, then press the red button.

High Jump

Allowed a maximum of three attempts at each height. Run the 30 meter approach, then press the red button to jump. Successfully "clear" a height and the crossbar raises.

400-Meter Race

One opportunity. A middle-distance race.

110-Meter Hurdles

Ten hurdles at 10 meter intervals. You won't be disqualified for "spilling" a hurdle, but it will slow you down. Press the red button to jump the hurdle.

Discus

Three attempts allowed. Approach the scratch line as quickly as possible, then press the red button.

Pole Vault

Allowed a maximum of three attempts at each height. Run to the vault pit and plant your pole by pressing and holding the red button. Continue to move the Joystick as you vault, and, at the peak, release the red button to release the pole. Successfully clear a height and the crossbar raises.

Javelin

Three attempts allowed. Run to the scratch line, then press the red button.

1500-Meter Race

One chance in this final event. Pace yourself, then, give it your all!

THE CLUB OF CHAMPIONS

If your final decathlon score meets or exceeds the following, you're in the club!

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